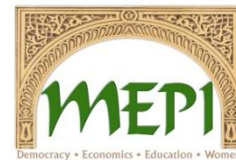




The U.S Embassy Algiers announces...

The Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI)

MEPI STUDENT LEADERS PROGRAM



What is the MEPI Youth Summer Leadership Institute?

- It is a fully-funded five-week intensive leadership training program in the U.S. for undergraduate students.
- Participants develop leadership and collective problem-solving skills, exploring U.S. history and culture to expand their leadership skills and knowledge.
- The Program consists of hands-on leadership training workshops, academic sessions, site visits, community service projects, optional home stays and other opportunities for interaction with Americans peers, and other cultural activities.
- The program runs from **June 22nd** and **July 26th, 2011** for **five weeks**. It includes a four-week academic residency program at a U.S. university or college, and a one-week educational study tour within the host university's geographical region.
- Students also participate in an alumni conference held in the Middle East or North Africa in early 2012.
- The program is fully funded, including international airfare, travel within the United States, accommodation, food, and program fees.

Can I apply for the MEPI Youth Summer Leadership Institute?

Yes you can if...

- ☒ You are an Algerian citizen, living in Algeria, and attending school in Algeria
- ☒ You are currently in your **1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th year** of college or university
- ☒ You will be **18 to 24 years** old as of June 1st, 2011
- ☒ You are proficient in English
- ☒ You have a sustained high level of academic achievement, as indicated by grades, awards, and teacher recommendations
- ☒ You are mature, responsible, independent, open-minded, tolerant, and thoughtful
- ☒ You demonstrate strong leadership potential.
- ☒ You have a strong interest in learning about the United States.
- ☒ Are committed to returning to your home country/community following completion of the program
- ☒ You have no prior travel experience in the United States and limited to no study or travel experience in the United States
- ☒ You have commitment to community
- ☒ You are comfortable with campus life, prepared to share living accommodations, and able to make adjustments to cultural and social practices different from those of your country

How do I apply?

Application Information

- Download the application from http://algiers.usembassy.gov/academic_exchanges.html
- **Deadline to turn in the application is at 16.30 January 23rd, 2011**
 - can be hand-delivered or submitted electronically to Amarouchez@state.gov
 - can also be faxed to **021 60 73 35**

Finalists

- will be invited to an interview at the Embassy in early February
- must bring a printed and signed copy of their application to the interview
- must bring copies of their academic transcripts to the interview
- must bring a copy of their passport, if available, to the interview